

DECLARING YOUR CANDIDACY

Ballot Access Procedural Manual



**So, YOU want
to be a candidate...**

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Dear Friends,

This publication titled, "Declaring Your Candidacy..." is a ballot access procedural manual for those Kentucky citizens contemplating seeking an elective office. This publication is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply.

Candidates and others using this publication must bear full responsibility to make their own determination as to all legal standards and duties.

Although this publication focuses primarily on candidate filing procedures, sample forms for attaining ballot access and qualifications for each elective office, we have included other important and pertinent election information that will directly or indirectly affect candidates.

I hope this publication will be an informative and useful tool to guide you through the election process. Should you have questions concerning this publication please contact Mary Sue Helm or Patsy Casey in our Election Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson".

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PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

The date of the primary election is governed by **KRS 118.025 (3):**

“Primary elections for the nomination of candidates or slates of candidates to be voted for at the next regular election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in May of each year.”

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

The date of the general election is governed by **Kentucky Constitution, Chapter 148 and KRS 118.025 (4):**

“.....All regular elections of State, county, city, town, urban-county, or district officers shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.”

“.....The election of all officers of all governmental units shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.”



**DATE OF 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION:
MAY 16, 2006**

**DATE OF 2006 GENERAL ELECTION:
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**



Election Schedule Chart Thru the Year of 2013

It is most important for all individuals inquiring about candidate filing requirements to be familiar with the year in which the office they are seeking is on the ballot.

The following chart provides an election schedule listing all offices and the year thru 2013 that offices appear on the ballot. The year in which the office appears on the ballot determines the earliest filing date for candidates as well as the filing deadline date for candidates. The earliest date that candidates may file for an office is no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot. The latest filing date for candidates running in a primary is not later than the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The filing deadline for independents or political group/organization candidates (excluding President/Vice President) is not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general elections. Also, candidates who attain ballot access by the petition process may NOT seek signatures on the petition prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

EXAMPLE: For offices appearing on the ballot in 2006

Primary Candidates:	Earliest date to file -	November 9, 2005
	Latest date to file (4:00 pm) -	January 31, 2006
General Election		
Candidates:	Earliest date to file Statement of Candidacy and	
	obtain signatures on petition -	November 9, 2005
	Earliest date to file a petition -	November 9, 2005
	Latest date to file a Statement of Candidacy -	April 3, 2006
	Latest date to file a petition -	August 8, 2006

The above earliest and latest dates **DO NOT** relate to campaign finance; only ballot access. To obtain information regarding the procedures for candidates to raise and expend campaign money, candidates should contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (4 Year Term)				x				x				x	
U.S. SENATE (Staggered 6 Year Term)		x2		x1				x2		x1			
U.S. HOUSE (2 Year Term)		x		x		x		x		x		x	
STATE OFFICERS* (4 Year Term)			x				x				x		
STATE SENATE (4 Year Term)													
Even Districts		x				x				x			
Odd Districts				x				x				x	
STATE HOUSE (2 Year Term)		x		x		x		x		x		x	
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD (Staggered 4 Year Term)		x1		x2		x1		x2		x1		x2	
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (Staggered 8 Year Term)													
Districts 1, 2, 4, 6						x							
District 3		x								x			
District 5								x					
District 7				x								x	
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (8 Year Term)						x							
CIRCUIT JUDGE (8 Year Term)						x							
DISTRICT JUDGE (4 Year Term)		x				x				x			
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY (6 Year Term)						x						x	
CIRCUIT CLERK (6 Year Term)						x						x	
COUNTY OFFICERS (4 Year Term)													
Judge/Executive, Magistrates, Commissioners,		x				x				x			
County Clerk, County Attorney, Jailer, Coroner,													
Surveyor, P.V.A., Constable, Sheriff													
CITY OFFICERS													
A. Mayor (Staggered 4 Year Term)		x2		x1		x2		x1		x2		x1	
B. Legislative Body (2 Year Term)		x		x		x		x		x		x	
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL													
1. At-large (3) (4 Year Term)		x				x				x			
2. Districts (1-12) (2 Year Term)		x		x		x		x		x		x	
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF GREATER LOUISVILLE													
(Staggered 4 Year Term**)													
1. Odd districts		x				x				x			
2. Even districts		x		x				x				x	

* Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture

** Transition schedule: Even numbered districts elected in 2002 for 2 year term; Odd numbered districts elected in 2002 for 4 year term; after 2002, all districts elected for 4 years.



Candidate Qualification/Authority Cites for each Elective Office

Possessing the required qualifications for an office is most likely the most critical factor for a candidate to attain ballot access and for maintaining candidate eligibility for a specific office.

The following chart provides the qualifications, constitutional or statutory authority setting forth the qualifications, filing official and filing fee for each elected office.



Qualification and Filing Information

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
President (4 year term)	Must be at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, been 14 years a resident within the United States.	U.S. Const. Art. II, § 1	Secretary of State	Primary \$1,000.00 General \$500.00
Vice President (4 year term)	Must be at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, been 14 years a resident within the United States.	U.S. Const. Art. II, § 1		
U.S. Senate (Staggered 6 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, a U.S. citizen for 9 years, and, when elected, an inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen.	U.S. Const. Art. I, § 3	Secretary of State	\$500.00
U.S. House (2 year term)	Must be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for 7 years, and, when elected, and inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen.	U. S. Const. Art. I, § 2	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Governor (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, and have been a citizen and resident of Kentucky for at least 6 years next preceding his election.	Ky. Const. § 72	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Lieutenant Governor (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, and have been a citizen and resident of Kentucky for at least 6 years next preceding his election.	Ky. Const. § 72		
Attorney General (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election, and shall have been a practicing lawyer eight years before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91, § 92	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Secretary of State (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00

	before his election.			
Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee
Auditor of Public Accounts (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Treasurer of State (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Commissioner of Agriculture (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00
State Senator (Staggered 4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 6 years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the district for which he may be chosen.	Ky. Const. § 32	Secretary of State	\$200.00
State House (2 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 2 years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the county, town or city, which he may be chosen.	Ky. Const. § 32	Secretary of State	\$200.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
Supreme Court Justice (Staggered 8 year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth, and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	Secretary of State	\$200.00
Judge of the Court of Appeals (8 year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	Secretary of State	\$200.00
Circuit Judge (8 year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	Secretary of State	\$200.00
District Judge (4 year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 2 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	Secretary of State	\$200.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee
Commonwealth's Attorney (6 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate, and have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 4 years.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk if representing only one county. All others file with the Secretary of State.	\$200.00
Circuit Court Clerk (6 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate, and that he is qualified for the office for which he is a candidate. Additional Requirement: must receive a passing grade of 70% or more on a written examination prepared and administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Ky. Const. § 100 SCR 1.060	County Clerk	\$50.00
County Judge/ Executive (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00
County Clerk (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00

	candidate.			
Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee
County Attorney (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county in which he is a candidate, and have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 2 years.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00
Sheriff (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00
Jailer (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. The General Assembly has consolidated the offices of sheriff and jailer in counties containing a city of the first class and in urban county governments.	KY Const. § 100 KRS 71.110	County Clerk	\$50.00
Coroner (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee
Property Valuation Administrator (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. Additional requirement: must possess a certificate issued by the Revenue Cabinet showing that he has been examined by it and that he is qualified for the office.	Ky. Const. § 100 KRS 132.380	County Clerk	\$50.00
Surveyor (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00
Magistrate/Justice of the Peace (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100 § 234	County Clerk	\$50.00
Commissioner (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	KRS 67.060	County Clerk	\$50.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee
Constable (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. (Shall possess the same qualifications as Sheriffs)	Ky. Const. § 100, § 101	County Clerk	\$50.00
Mayor** (Staggered 4 year term)	Must be at least 25 years of age, a resident of the city for one year, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout his term of office.	KRS 83A.040(1)	County Clerk	5th or 6th class city \$20.00 All others \$50.00
Legislative Body** (2 year term)	Must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the city for one year, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout his term of office.	KRS 83A.040 (4)	County Clerk	5th or 6th class city \$20.00 All others \$50.00
	**Legislative Council of Greater Louisville and greater Louisville Mayor filing qualifications are governed by KRS 67C.103 and 67C.105. Article 4 of the Lexington Fayette Urban-County charter governs Lexington Fayette Urban-County Government Mayor and Council filing qualifications.			

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee
<p>School Board Member</p> <p>(Staggered 4 year term)</p>	<p>Must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky for at least 3 years preceding the election, a voter of the district for which he is elected, completed at least the 12th grade or has been issued a GED certificate or has received a high school diploma in the external diploma program, and files an affidavit certifying completion of the 12th grade or the equivalent with his nominating petition. The candidate must not hold a state office requiring the constitutional oath or be a member of the General Assembly, nor may he hold or discharge the duties of any civil or political office, deputyship, or agency under the city or county of his residence, nor at the time of election is directly or indirectly interested in the sale to the board of services, supplies, or equipment purchased with school funds, nor has been removed from a board of education for cause, nor has a relative employed by the school district.</p>	<p>KRS 160.180 (2)</p>	<p>County Clerk</p>	<p>\$20.00</p>
<p>Write-In Candidates</p> <p>(Only allowed in General elections)</p>	<p>See qualifications for desired office.</p>	<p>KRS 117.265</p> <p>KRS 118.255</p>	<p>See filing officer for desired office.</p>	<p>No fee for 5th and 6th class city</p> <p>All others</p> <p>\$50.00</p>



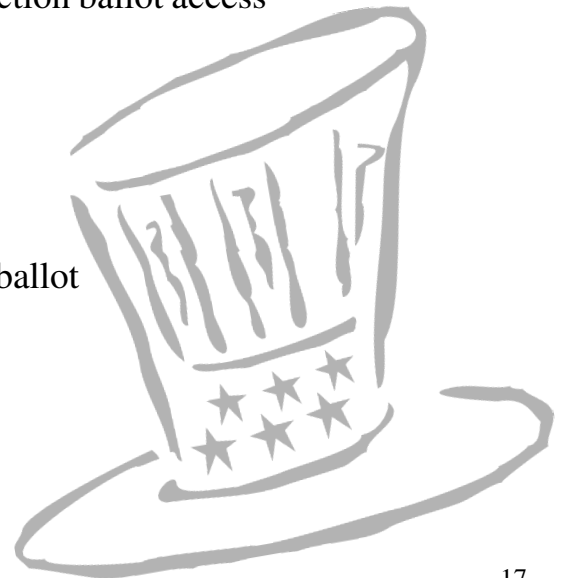
IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

On previous pages in this publication, we have listed the candidate filing deadline dates to attain ballot access. There are many other election dates that are most important to candidates and these dates may be viewed on pages 19 through 22 of the Election Calendar.

Below is a short list of important dates that candidates may want to carefully check when reviewing the entire 2006 Election Calendar:

2006

1/31	Primary filing deadline
2/2	Ballot position drawing
2/13	Certification of names of candidates
3/27	Ballot printing deadline
4/3	Statement of Candidacy deadline
4/17	Last date to register to vote
5/9	Last date to apply for mail-in absentee ballot
5/16	Primary election day
5/23	Deadline to request recanvass
5/25	Conduct requested recanvass
5/26	Last date to file petition to contest election
6/5	Last day for state board to certify election results
8/8	Last date to file petition for general election ballot access
8/10	Ballot position drawing
9/18	Ballot printing deadline
10/9	Last day to register to vote
10/27	Deadline to file as write-in candidate
10/31	Deadline to apply for mail-in absentee ballot



11/7	General Election
11/14	Deadline to request recanvass
11/16	Conduct requested recanvass
11/17	Deadline to file petition for recount
11/27	Last day for State Board to certify results

The **2006 Kentucky Election Calendar** may be viewed on the following pages.





2006 KENTUCKY ELECTION CALENDAR

Date	Event	Authority
1/31 4 p.m.	Last day to file nomination papers for candidates who must run in primary (last Tuesday in January)	KRS 118.165(1); KRS 83A.045; KRS 118A.060
2/1	County clerk shall certify names as required by KRS 83A.047 (on the day following candidate filing deadline)	KRS 83A.047
2/2 2:00 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following last Tuesday in January)	KRS 118.225(2)(3); KRS 118A.060(4); KRS 118A.090(1)
2/13	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after filing deadline)	KRS 118.215(1)
2/28	Last day for county clerks to notify state board of elections if there are too many certified candidates to be accommodated on the voting machines (last Tuesday in February)	KRS 118.215(5)
3/15	Last day for Republican and Democratic county executive committees to submit names for appointment of precinct officers to county boards of elections (March 15 each year)	KRS 117.045(2)
3/17	Deadline for city and school district boards to provide county clerks with information to maintain roster of eligible voters (60 days preceding primary)	KRS 116.200(1)
3/20	Last day for county boards of elections to appoint precinct officers (March 20 each year)	KRS 117.045(1)
3/27	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots for primary (50 days before primary)	KRS 117.085(5); KRS 117.145(1)
4/3 4 p.m.	Last day for independent candidates, excludes candidates for federal office and candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the second to sixth class participating in partisan elections, to file a statement-of-candidacy form with the same office at which nomination papers are filed (not later than April 1 preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the offices sought. If filing office is closed on April 1, form may be filed on next business day)	KRS 118.367(1)
4/17	Last day for candidates to submit lists of proposed challengers to party committee of county (not less than 30 days before primary)	KRS 117.315
4/17 to 5/9	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 days nor less than 5 days before primary)	KRS 117.389
4/18 through 5/22	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following primary) (This time period may vary depending on whether the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday. If the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday.)	KRS 116.045(2)
4/26	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (20 days before primary)	KRS 117.315(1)

4/28 to 5/15	Voter may make application to vote absentee in clerk's office at least 12 working days before primary (This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.)	KRS 117.085
5/2 to 5/16	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of primary)	KRS 117.077
5/8	Last day for county boards of election to give written notice of appointment to precinct officers (10 days before primary)	KRS 117.045(7)
5/9	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (7 days before primary). Applications must be received on this day.	KRS 117.075; KRS 117.085
5/9 to 5/15	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day, who learn of that confinement within seven (7) days or less of an election, may make application to vote absentee in the clerk's office.	KRS 117.085(m)
5/9	Last day for state board of elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (5 days before primary)	KRS 117.025(3)(b)
5/11	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election)	KRS 117.165(1)
5/11	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (Not less than 3 days before primary)	KRS 424.290(1)
5/12	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (Friday before primary)	KRS 117.165(1)
5/16	Primary election day (first Tuesday after third Monday in May) Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. County boards of elections to be in session all day Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots	KRS 118.025(3) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.035(4) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3)
5/17 through 5/26	Voting machines to be locked (10 days following primary)	KRS 117.295(1)
5/19	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (3 days after primary)	KRS 117.355(1)
5/23 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after primary)	KRS 117.305(1)
5/25 9 a.m.	County boards of elections shall conduct any requested recanvass (at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request a recanvass, and not sooner)	KRS 117.305(1)
5/26	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports to the State Board of Elections and county Grand Jury (10 days after primary)	KRS 117.355(2)
5/26	Last day to file petition to contest election (10 days after primary)	KRS 120.055
5/26	Last day to file petition for recount (10 days after primary)	KRS 120.095(1)

6/5	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (third Monday after election)	KRS 118.425(4)
6/15	Last day for county clerks to send precinct rosters and recapitulation sheets to State Board of Elections (30 days after any primary or general election)	KRS 117.355(2)
8/8 4 p.m.	Last day to file any petition, certificate or statement that must be filed by second Tuesday in August	KRS 118.365; KRS 118.375; KRS 83A.045
8/9	County clerk shall certify names as required by KRS 83A.047 (on the day following the candidate filing deadline)	KRS 83A.047
8/10 2 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following second Tuesday in August)	KRS 118.225(2) and (3); KRS 118A.090 (1)
8/21	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after the candidate filing deadline)	KRS 118.215(1)
8/29	Last day for county clerk to notify State Board of Elections if there are too many certified candidates to be accommodated on the voting machine (last Tuesday in August)	KRS 118.215(5)
9/18	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots (50 days before election)	KRS 117.085(5); KRS 117.145(1)
9/20	Last day for county boards of elections to establish voting places (September 20 of each year)	KRS 117.065(1)
10/9 to 11/2	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not less than 5 to not more 30 days before election)	KRS 117.389
10/10 through 11/13	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following election) <small>(This time period may vary depending on whether the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday. If the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday.)</small>	KRS 116.045(2)
10/18	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (20 days before election)	KRS 117.315
10/20 to 11/6	Voter may make application to vote absentee in clerk's office at least 12 working days preceding election <small>(This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.)</small>	KRS 117.085(c)
10/24 to 11/7	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of election)	KRS 117.077
10/27 4 p.m.	Last day to file a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate (not less than 10 days before election)	KRS 117.265(2)
10/31	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (7 days before election) Applications must be received on this day.	KRS 117.075; KRS 117.085
10/31 to 11/6	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day, who learn of that confinement within seven (7)	KRS 117.085(m)

	days or less of an election, may make application to vote absentee in the clerk's office.	
10/31	Last day for state board of elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (5 days before election)	KRS 117.025(3)(c)
11/2	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election)	KRS 117.165(1)
11/2	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before election)	KRS 424.290(1)
11/3	Last day for clerk to equip machines with supplies for write-in votes (Friday before election)	KRS 117.145(3)
11/3	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (Friday before election)	KRS 117.165(1)
11/7	Election day (first Tuesday after first Monday in November) Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. County boards of elections to be in session all day Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots	Ky. Const. § 148; KRS 118.025(4) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.035(4) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3)
11/8 through 12/7	Voting machines to be locked (30 days following election)	KRS 117.295(1)
11/13	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (3 days after election)	KRS 117.355(1)
11/14 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after election)	KRS 117.305(1)
11/16 9 a.m.	County Boards of Elections shall conduct any requested recanvass (at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request recanvass, and not sooner)	KRS 117.305(1)
11/17	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports to the State Board of Elections and county Grand Jury (10 days after election)	KRS 117.355(2)
11/17	Last day for candidate to file petition for recount (10 days after election)	KRS 120.185
11/27	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (third Monday after election)	KRS 118.425(4)
12/7	Last day to file petition to contest election, or to petition for recount on public question (30 days after election)	KRS 120.155; KRS 120.250
12/7	Last day for county clerks to send precinct rosters and recapitulation sheets to State Board of Elections (30 days after any primary or general election)	KRS 117.355(2)
12/31	Last day to change political party affiliation and be eligible to vote in that political party affiliations' upcoming primary election (on December 31 immediately preceding primary election)	KRS 116.055



REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES

**filing for Primary Election for an office other than
President and Governor/Lt. Governor**

Filing Form #SBE 66 – Notification and Declaration

**Filing Form #KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Filing Fee/Filing Official: Listed on pages 9-16

Establishing Campaign Account: For information regarding campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements received or expended in the year before the year the candidate appears on the ballot, contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

Republican and Democratic Party candidates (excluding President and Governor/Lt. Governor) attain primary ballot access by filing with the proper filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) a **Notification and Declaration**. Candidates (excluding federal) must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer & Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the notification and declaration with the filing official.

As mandated by KRS 118.125, the notification and declaration shall be signed by the candidate and by not less than two (2) registered voters of the same party from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination; shall include a declaration sworn to by the candidate that he or she possesses all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which the candidate has filed; shall be subscribed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer an oath by the candidate and by two voters making the declaration and signing the candidate's petition for office.

Only persons who are qualified under the provisions of KRS 116.055 to vote in any primary election for the candidates for nomination by the party at whose hands he seeks the nomination shall have his name printed on the official ballot of his party for an office to which he is eligible in that primary.

A sample form of the **Notification and Declaration SBE 66 (Revised 04/05) and the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** may be viewed on the following pages.





NOTIFICATION AND DECLARATION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for Primary Election for an office other than Governor/Lieutenant Governor)

Of _____ for nomination to the
(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print)

office of _____
(Office sought) (District number, when applicable)

To _____
(County Clerk or Secretary of State, as case may be)

For the purpose of having my name placed on the official primary election ballot as a candidate for nomination by the _____ Party, I, _____
(Name of candidate in full as desired on ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

do solemnly swear that my residence is _____
(Residential Address)

(City, if applicable) (County) KY (Zip)

that my mailing address, if different, is _____
(Post Office Address) (City) KY (Zip)

and that I am a registered _____ voter in _____ precinct;
(Party)

that I believe in the principles of the _____ Party, and intend to support its principles and policies; that I meet all the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office which I am seeking; that if nominated as a candidate of such party at the ensuing election, I will accept the nomination and not withdraw for reasons other than those stated in KRS 118.105(3); that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law relating to corrupt and fraudulent practice in campaigns or elections in this state, and if finally elected I will qualify for the office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____

(Name of Candidate)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer)

(Title of Officer)

(Commission Expiration)

We, _____ and _____

do solemnly swear that we are registered voters and members of the same Party and are from the district or

jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination; and that we believe _____
(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print)

to be qualified to fill the office of _____
(Office sought)

(Signature of Voter)

(County)

(Residential Address)

(City)

KY

(Zip)

(Signature of Voter)

(County)

(Residential Address)

(City)

KY

(Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and _____
(Name of Voter)

_____ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Name of Voter) (Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer)

(Title of Officer)

(Commission Expiration)



INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP/ ORGANIZATION CANDIDATES

**filing for an office other than
President /Vice President and Governor/Lt. Governor**

Filing Form #SBE 59A – Statement of Candidacy

Filing Form #SBE 59 & 59-2 – Nominating Petition

**Filing Form #KREF-001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Filing Fee/Filing Official: Listed on pages 9-16

Establishing Campaign Account: For information regarding campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements received or expended in the year before the year the candidate appears on the ballot, contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

Political Organization Definition: “Political organization” means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.025 (8).

Political Group Definition: “Political group” means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization within the meaning of subsections (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015(9).

To attain ballot access most Independent and Political Group/ Organization candidates are required to file a **Statement of Candidacy**. Candidates for federal office and partisan city office are exempt from filing the statement of candidacy. All candidates must file a **Nominating Petition**.

The **Statement of Candidacy** form must be filed with the proper filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) not later than April 1st preceding the general election. There is **NO** filing fee for the filing of the signed statement of candidacy. Failure to file the Statement of Candidacy form by the April 1st deadline shall result in rejection of the petition.

The Nominating Petition shall be filed with the proper filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) not later than the second Tuesday in August at 4:00pm.

The number of signatures on a petition is determined by the office sought and the required number of signatures for each office on the ballot is listed below.

State officer or any officer for whom all the electors of the state are entitled to vote.....	5,000
Representative in Congress.....	400
County office, member of General Assembly, or Commonwealth’s Attorney.....	100
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.....	25
Board of Education	20
Magistrate/Justice of Peace	20
City Officer	2

A sample form of the **Statement of Candidacy SBE 59A (Revised 04/05)**, the **Nominating Petition SBE 59 & 59-2 (Revised 04/05)** and the **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** form may be viewed on the following pages.



STATEMENT-OF-CANDIDACY

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations required to file with the Secretary of State or county clerk other than Governor/Lt. Governor)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, do hereby state my desire
(City, State, Zip)

to become a candidate for the office of _____

district _____ of the political group/organization known as _____
(if applicable)

or as an independent candidate under the provisions of KRS 118.367.

I do further declare that I am aware that ballot access is obtained by filing a petition of nomination and that the filing of petitions of nominations for independent candidates shall not be accepted by the Secretary of State or the county clerk, if the candidate has not filed a Statement-of-Candidacy form. KRS 118.365(5)

(Signature of Candidate)

The deadline for filing a Statement-of-Candidacy form is **not later than April 1** preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the offices sought and may be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot. KRS 118.367

Petitions of nomination shall be filed as required with the Secretary of State or county clerk **not later than the second Tuesday in August** preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general elections for the offices sought and may be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the offices will appear on the ballot. KRS 118.365(5)

SBE 59A (04/05)



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Pink copy: Candidate

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Petitioners shall include residential address and social security number (or date of birth). Failure of a voter to include his social security number or date of birth and residential address shall result in his signature not being counted.

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(Additional pages may be used.)

KRS 118.315
SBE 59-2 (04/05)



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OF ELECTION FINANCE**
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 573-2226 / Fax (502) 573-5622
www.kref.ky.gov

**APPOINTMENT OF
CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND OPTIONAL
REQUEST FOR
REPORTING EXEMPTION**

This Space for Filing Officer Use Only

This Space for Registry Use Only

If not date stamped, complete the following. Form filed with:

☐ Secretary of State gr
☐ County Clerk _____
Name of County _____
on _____ (Date Filed)

FN _____ By _____ Date _____

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please type or print)

Name of Candidate (as will appear on ballot)		County of Candidate's Residence	
Candidate's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Candidate's Telephone Number		Candidate's Alternate Telephone Number	
Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)		

SECTION 2. ELECTION INFORMATION

Date of Election	Type of Election (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> General Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election or Election to Fill Unexpired Term	Is Candidate the Incumbent for This Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is Candidate Filing as a Write-In Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Office Sought	Jurisdiction of Office Sought, Including District, Circuit, or Division Number, if Applicable		
This Race is: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan	If Partisan Race, Indicate Candidate's Designation on the Ballot: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

SECTION 3. TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Treasurer - Required Designation Even if Candidate is Serving as Own Treasurer			
Treasurer's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Treasurer's Telephone Number		Treasurer's Alternate Telephone Number	
Name of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository		Address of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository	

SECTION 4. OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR REPORTING EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO KRS 121.180(1)

I am not requesting a reporting exemption. I intend to file all campaign finance reports. I understand that I will have campaign finance reports due 32 and 15 days before the election(s) and 30 days after the election(s). This is my intent for the: (Check One)

☐ Primary and General Elections ☐ Primary Election Only ☐ General Election Only

EXEMPTION OPTION A. I expect to raise and spend \$3,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request an exemption from all pre-election reporting. I understand that I will have one campaign finance report due no later than 30 days after the election indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$3,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

☐ Primary and General Elections ☐ Primary Election Only ☐ General Election Only

EXEMPTION OPTION B. I expect to raise and spend \$1,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request a reporting exemption. I understand that I will have no campaign finance reports due for the election(s) indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$1,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

☐ Primary and General Elections ☐ Primary Election Only ☐ General Election Only

SECTION 5. AMENDED INFORMATION, REVOCATION OR CHANGE OF REPORTING EXEMPTION

If using this form to amend candidate, election, treasurer, or depository information, check this box ☐

If using this form to revoke a prior request for exemption and/or to exercise a different option, check this box ☐

Briefly describe reason for amendment, revocation, or change:

SECTION 6. VERIFICATION

I certify that I have examined this Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject me to the penalties of KRS 121.990.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____





CERTAIN INDEPENDENT and NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

filing for General Election

(Nonpartisan candidate does not include Judge of the Court)

Filing Form #SBE 60A & 60A-2 – Nominating Petition

**Filing form # KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Filing Fee/Filing Official: Listed on pages 9-16

Establishing Campaign Account: For information regarding campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements received or expended in the the year before the year the candidate appears on the ballot, contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

Certain Independents:

Republican and Democratic candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the second to sixth class may attain ballot access for placement on the ballot as an **INDEPENDENT** by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form with the county clerk when filing the nominating petition.

The petition shall be signed by the candidate and by not less than two (2) registered voters who reside in the city from which the candidate seeks nomination and filed with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general election for the office sought.

Example for the 2006 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 8, 2006



Non Partisan Candidates for:

Board of Education.

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Mayor or legislative body candidates in cities of second to sixth class conducting **nonpartisan** elections.

Candidate filing requirements for the nonpartisan offices of Board of Education, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and Mayor or legislative body candidates in cities of second to sixth class conducting **nonpartisan** elections are listed below:

Board of Education:

Candidates for school board attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk a **Nominating Petition**. This filing form is prescribed by the State Board of Elections and is numbered SBE 60A. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing a form titled **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** with the county clerk when filing the nominating petition.

The nominating petition shall be signed by the candidate and by not less than **twenty (20)** registered voters who reside in the school board district from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the county clerk no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general election for the office sought.

Candidates for school board are required to file an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the twelfth grade equivalent as determined by passage of the twelfth grade equivalency examination held under regulations adopted by the KY Board of Education. This affidavit is to be filed with the County Clerk when filing the nomination petition. A sample affidavit drafted by the KY Board of Education may be viewed on the following pages.

Example for the 2006 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 8, 2006

Soil and Water District Supervisors:

Candidates for Soil and Water District Supervisor attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the nominating petition with the county clerk.

The nominating petition shall be signed by not less than **twenty-five (25)** registered voters who reside in the soil and water conservation district from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general election for the office sought.

Example for the 2006 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 8, 2006

Nonpartisan City office NOT waiving primary:

Mayoral or city legislative body candidates in a city that by ordinance conducts nonpartisan city elections and does NOT by ordinance waive the primary attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the nominating petition with the county clerk.

The petition shall be signed by not less than two (2) registered voters who reside in the city from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than the last Tuesday in January of the year their name is to appear on the ballot.

Example for the 2006 Primary Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – January 31, 2006

Nonpartisan City office WAIVING primary:

Mayoral or city legislative body candidates in a city that by ordinance conducts nonpartisan city elections and by ordinance DOES waive the primary attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing a form titled **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer & Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** with the County Clerk when filing the nominating petition.

The petition shall be signed by not less than two (2) registered voters who reside in the city from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than the second Tuesday in August of the year their name is to appear on the ballot.

Example for the 2006 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 8, 2006

A sample form of the **Nominating Petition SBE 60A & 60A-2 (Revised 04/05)**, the **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** and for school board candidates a sample **Affidavit for School Board Candidacy and Membership** may be viewed on the following pages.





To _____
(County Clerk)

 (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

I, _____, hereby declare
(Name of candidate in full as desired on ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

(Signature of Candidate)

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Petitioners shall include residential address and social security number (or date of birth). Failure of a voter to include his social security number or date of birth and residential address shall result in his signature not being counted.

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(Additional pages may be used.)

KRS 118.315
SBE 60A-2 (04/05)

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Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate

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Filing Officer: Original (white) copy - Attach to Filing Papers Canary Copy - Send to Registry Pink Copy - To Candidate



AFFIDAVIT FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDACY AND MEMBERSHIP

County of _____ }
Commonwealth of Kentucky }

_____, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

(Please print name)

1. That I certify that I have completed the twelfth (12th) grade or the equivalent as determined by passage of the twelfth (12th) grade equivalency examination (GED).
2. That I am providing this certification under penalty of perjury.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____



NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

filing for the office of COURT OF JUSTICE

Filing Form # SBE68 – Court of Justice Petition for Nomination

**Filing Form # KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Judicial candidates attain primary ballot access by filing with the Secretary of State a **Court of Justice Petition for Nomination**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the Court of Justice Nominating Petition with the Secretary of State.

The petition shall be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer an oath by the candidate and by no less than two (2) registered voters from the district or circuit from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall include a declaration sworn to by the candidate that he or she possesses all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which the candidate has filed.

Each candidate for nomination shall file a petition not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot and not later than the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election for the office.

Example for primary election of 2006:

Earliest date to file November 9, 2005

Latest date to file (4:00pm) January 31, 2006

A sample form of the **Court of Justice Nominating Petition SBE 68 (Revised 04/05)** and the **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** may be viewed on the following pages.



COURT OF JUSTICE PETITION FOR NOMINATION

for filing with

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

For the purpose of having my name placed on the Judicial Ballot for nomination to the office of:
(Check only the office sought)

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justice of the Supreme Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> District Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge of the Court of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Circuit Judge | |

(Name of Court) District/Circuit Number (Division Number if applicable)

I, _____
(Name of candidate in full as desired on the ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

state that I reside at _____
(Residential Address)

City of _____ KY _____, County of _____;
(Zip)

that my residence is in the district from which I seek nomination; and that I possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which I have filed hereby.

(Signature of Candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

We, _____ and _____,

state that we are registered voters of the judicial district/circuit above listed for which

_____ seeks nomination.
(Name of Candidate)

(Signature of Voter) (County of Residence)

(Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

(Signature of Voter) (County of Residence)

(Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and _____
(Name of Voter)

_____ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Name of Voter) (Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

SBE 68 (04/05)



White copy: Filing officer
Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate

Filing Officer: Original (white) copy - Attach to Filing Papers Canary Copy - Send to Registry Pink Copy - To Candidate



WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

**for all offices other than
President/Vice President, Governor/Lt. Governor**

**Filing Form # SBE/SOS/01 - Declaration of Intent to be a
Write-In Candidate**

**Filing Form # KREF 001 - Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Candidates (defeated primary city candidate ineligible as a candidate for the same office in general election) may seek office in a general election as a write-in candidate by filing with the appropriate filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) a **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate**. Write-in candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the declaration of intent with the filing official.

A person shall be ineligible as a write-in candidate for more than one (1) office in a general or special election. Write-in votes shall be counted **ONLY** for candidates for election to office who have filed with the appropriate filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

The declaration of intent must be filed **not** less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the general or special election. The filing fee for filing as a write-in candidate is \$50.00, excluding 5th & 6th class city candidates.

A sample of the **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate SBE/SOS/01 (Revised 04/05)** and **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** may be viewed on the following pages.



DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

To _____
(Secretary of State or County Clerk, as case may be)

Commonwealth of Kentucky

_____ County/Countries, KY

KRS 117.265(2): Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates for election to office who have filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Secretary of State or county clerk, depending on the office being sought, not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular or special election. The declaration of intent shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

I, _____ reside at _____
(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address)

City of _____, County of _____ KY _____
(Zip)

and I intend to be a write-in candidate in the _____, 20 _____
(Month & Day)

regular/special election for the office of _____
(Office sought)

_____. I do further state if elected I will qualify for the office sought.
(District or Division if applicable)

(Signature of Candidate)

To assist county boards of election determine voter intent when counting write-in votes, you may provide below variations of your name.

Variations on name (example: James Richard Doe, J. R. Doe, Jim Doe, Jimmy Doe, etc.):

KRS 117.265
SBE/SOS/01 (04/05)



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**KENTUCKY REGISTRY
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**APPOINTMENT OF
CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND OPTIONAL
REQUEST FOR
REPORTING EXEMPTION**

This Space for Filing Officer Use Only

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If not date stamped, complete the following. Form filed with:

☐ Secretary of State or

☐ County Clerk _____ Name of County _____

on _____ (Date Filed)

FN _____ By _____ Date _____

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please type or print)

Name of Candidate (as will appear on ballot)		County of Candidate's Residence	
Candidate's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Candidate's Telephone Number		Candidate's Alternate Telephone Number	
Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)		

SECTION 2. ELECTION INFORMATION

Date of Election	Type of Election (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> General Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election or Election to Fill Unexpired Term	Is Candidate the Incumbent for This Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is Candidate Filing as a Write-In Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Office Sought	Jurisdiction of Office Sought, Including District, Circuit, or Division Number, if Applicable		
This Race is: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan	If Partisan Race, Indicate Candidate's Designation on the Ballot: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

SECTION 3. TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Treasurer - Required Designation Even if Candidate is Serving as Own Treasurer			
Treasurer's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Treasurer's Telephone Number		Treasurer's Alternate Telephone Number	
Name of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository		Address of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository	

SECTION 4. OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR REPORTING EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO KRS 121.180(1)

I am not requesting a reporting exemption. I intend to file all campaign finance reports. I understand that I will have campaign finance reports due 32 and 15 days before the election(s) and 30 days after the election(s). This is my intent for the: (Check One)

☐ Primary and General Elections ☐ Primary Election Only ☐ General Election Only

EXEMPTION OPTION A. I expect to raise and spend \$3,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request an exemption from all pre-election reporting. I understand that I will have one campaign finance report due no later than 30 days after the election indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$3,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

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EXEMPTION OPTION B. I expect to raise and spend \$1,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request a reporting exemption. I understand that I will have no campaign finance reports due for the election(s) indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$1,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

☐ Primary and General Elections ☐ Primary Election Only ☐ General Election Only

SECTION 5. AMENDED INFORMATION, REVOCATION OR CHANGE OF REPORTING EXEMPTION

If using this form to amend candidate, election, treasurer, or depository information, check this box ☐

If using this form to revoke a prior request for exemption and/or to exercise a different option, check this box ☐

Briefly describe reason for amendment, revocation, or change:

SECTION 6. VERIFICATION

I certify that I have examined this Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject me to the penalties of KRS 121.990.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____





REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES

filing for Primary Election for the office of GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Filing Form # SBE 66A & 66A-2 - Notification and Declaration
Filing Forms # KREF 001/G - (Under revision by the
KREF 036/G Registry of Election Finance)
KREF 035/G

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

Republican and Democratic party candidates attain primary ballot access for the office of **Governor and Lt. Governor** by filing with the Secretary of State a slate **Notification and Declaration**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer on documents prescribed by the Registry of Election Finance when filing the slate notification and declaration.

As mandated by KRS 118.125 (2)(b), the notification and declaration shall be subscribed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer an oath by the candidate and by the two (2) voters making the declaration and signing the petition for office. The declaration shall be filed not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the ballot and not later than the Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

An example for the 2007 Primary election is listed on the following page.

Example for 2007 Primary:

Earliest date to file -	November 8, 2006
Last date to file (4:00pm) -	January 30, 2007

A sample form of the slate **Notification and Declaration** form **SBE 66A & 66A-2 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following page. **KREF 001/G, KREF 036/G AND KREF 035/G** are being revised and are not available at this time from the Registry of Election Finance.





NOTIFICATION AND DECLARATION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for Primary Election for the office of Governor/Lieutenant Governor)

Of _____ and _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print) (Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print)

for nomination to the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

To _____
(Secretary of State)

For the purpose of having our names placed on the official primary election ballot as a slate of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for nomination by the _____ Party,

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

do solemnly swear that my residence is _____
(Residential Address)

(City, if applicable) (County) KY _____
(Zip)

that my mailing address, if different, is _____
(Post Office Address) (City) KY _____
(Zip)

and that I am a registered _____ voter in _____ precinct;
(Party)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

do solemnly swear that my residence is _____
(Street, Highway, Route)

(City, if applicable) (County) KY _____
(Zip)

that my mailing address, if different, is _____
(Post Office Address) (City) KY _____
(Zip)

and that I am a registered _____ voter in _____ precinct;
(Party)

that we believe in the principles of the _____ Party, and intend to support its principles and policies;
that we will accept the nomination and not withdraw for reasons other than those stated in KRS 118.105(3); that we will not knowingly violate any election law or any law relating to corrupt and fraudulent practice in campaigns or elections in this state, and if finally elected we will qualify for our offices.

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

We, _____ and _____ do solemnly swear that
we are registered voters and members of the same Party and are from the district or jurisdiction from which the
candidate for Governor seeks nomination; and that we believe _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print)
to be qualified to fill the Office of Governor.

(Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

(Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and
(Name of Voter) (Name of Voter)
this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

We, _____ and _____ do solemnly swear that
we are registered voters and members of the same Party and are from the district or jurisdiction from which the
candidate for Lieutenant Governor seeks nomination; and that we believe _____
to be qualified to fill the Office of Lieutenant Governor.
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print)

(Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

(Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and
(Name of Voter) (Name of Voter)
this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)



INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP/ ORGANIZATION

candidates filing for the office of GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Filing Form # SBE 59B	- Statement of Candidacy
Filing Form # SBE 66B & 66B-2	- Nominating Petition
Filing Forms # KREF 001/G	- (Under revision by the
KREF 036/G	Registry of Election Finance)
KREF 035/G	

Independents and political group/organization candidates attain general election ballot access for the office of **Governor and Lt. Governor** by filing with the Secretary of State a **Statement of Candidacy** and a **Nominating Petition**. The filing of the Statement of candidacy is a prerequisite to file the petition of nomination. The statement of candidacy form, numbered SBE 59A, and the nominating petition, numbered SBE 66B, are prescribed by the State Board of Elections. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer on documents prescribed by the Registry of Election Finance when filing the slate petition.

The **Statement of Candidacy** form must be filed with the Secretary of State not later than **April 1st** preceding the general election. There is **no** filing fee for filing the signed statement of candidacy and failure to file the statement of candidacy by the candidates will result in rejection of the petition of nomination.

Example for General Election of 2007:

Last day to file (4:00pm) – April 2, 2007

(April 1st in the year of 2007 is on a Sunday; therefore form may be filed on next business day.)



The **Nominating Petition** shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than **second Tuesday in August**. The nominating petition must be signed by the candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor and by no less than 5,000 registered voters. Signatures shall not be solicited prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

Example for General Election of 2007:

Earliest date to file - November 8, 2006

Last date to file (4:00pm) - August 14, 2007

A sample form of the **Statement of Candidacy SBE 59B (Revised 04/05)**, **Nominating Petition SBE 66B & 66B-2 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following pages. **KREF 001/G, KREF 036/G AND KREF 035/G** are being revised and are not available at this time from the Registry of Election Finance.



STATEMENT-OF-CANDIDACY

(For independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations filing for only the office of Governor/Lt. Governor under the provisions of KRS 118.315 and 118.367)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, and
(City) (State) (Zip)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

(City, State, Zip)

state our desire to become candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the political group/organization known as _____
or as independent candidates under the provisions of KRS 118.367.

We do further declare that we are aware that ballot access is obtained by filing a **petition of nomination** and the filing of petitions of nominations for independent candidates shall not be accepted by the Secretary of State if the candidate has not filed a Statement-of-Candidacy form. KRS 118.365(5)

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

The deadline for filing a Statement-of-Candidacy form is **not later than April 1** preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the offices sought. KRS 118.367(1). The Statement-of-Candidacy form may be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

SBE 59B (04/05)

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NOMINATING PETITION

(Candidates Filing for Governor/Lieutenant Governor under the provisions of KRS 118.315)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination and being at least 5,000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the general election to be held on November _____, 20_____, the names of the following persons as candidates of the political group/ organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate for the offices hereinafter designated, the names of said persons and their respective residences being as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

We, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)
and _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

hereby declare that if elected we will qualify for the above offices. We further state that we are qualified to be designated on the ballot as candidates of the political group/organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate.

(Signature of Candidate for Governor) (Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

Petitioners desire that the candidates above be designated on the ballot under the following attached figure or device:

Petitioners shall include residential address and social security number (or date of birth). Failure of a voter to include his social security number or date of birth and residential address shall result in his signature not being counted.

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(Additional pages may be used)

SBE 66B-2 (04/05)



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WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Filing Form # SBE/SOS/003

**- Declaration of Intent to be a
Write-In Candidate**

**Filing Forms # KREF 001/G
KREF 036/G
KREF 035/G**

**- (Under revision by the
Registry of Election Finance)**

Candidates may seek the Office of **Governor and Lt. Governor** as a write-in candidate by filing with the Secretary of State a slate **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer on documents prescribed by the Registry of Election Finance when filing the slate declaration of intent.

A person shall be ineligible as a write-in candidate for more than one (1) office in a general or special election. Write-in votes shall be counted **ONLY** for candidates for election to office who have filed with the Secretary of State a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

The declaration of intent must be filed **not** less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the general or special election. The filing fee for filing as write-in candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor is \$50.00.

A sample of the **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate SBE/SOS/01 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following pages. **KREF 001/G, KREF 036/G AND KREF 035/G** are being revised and are not available at this time from the Registry of Election Finance.



GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To _____, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
(Secretary of State)

KRS 117.265(2): Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates for election to office who have filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Secretary of State or county clerk, depending on the office being sought, not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular or special election. The declaration of intent shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, KY _____
(City) (Zip)

and I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, KY _____
(City) (Zip)

intend to be write-in candidates in the general election to be held on November _____, 20 _____
(Day)

for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. We do further state that if elected we qualify for the offices sought.

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

SBE/SOS/03 (04/05)



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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY FILINGS FOR REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

There are four (4) methods by which a republican and democratic candidate may attain ballot access in a presidential preference primary. They are as follow:

(1) Pursuant to KRS 118.581 ballot access is attained by:

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will meet in Frankfort on the second Tuesday in January preceding a presidential preference primary for the purpose of nominating those candidates who have **qualified for matching federal campaign funds**. A list of those candidates is provided by the Federal Election Commission.

A notification of nomination from the Secretary of State will be sent to each candidate by certified mail, with return receipt requested, that he/she will appear as a candidate on the primary ballot of his/her party, provided that the candidate returns the notice of candidacy form sent by the Secretary of State and the \$1000 filing fee not later than 4:00pm on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

A sample form of the **Notification of Nomination and Notice of Candidacy** may be viewed on the following pages.



TREY GRAYSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELECTION DIVISION
SUITE 148, STATE CAPITOL
700 CAPITAL AVENUE
FRANKFORT, KY 40601-3493
(502) 564-3490
FAX (502) 564-2476
WEBSITE: www.sos.ky.gov

Document #1

**Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primary
Candidate Ballot Access Pursuant to KRS 118.581**

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will meet in Frankfort, Kentucky on January 8, 2008 for the purpose of nominating as Presidential Preference Primary candidates all those candidates of the political parties for the office of President of the United States who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds.

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will contact the Federal Election Commission on January 8, 2008 to obtain a list of these candidates. Immediately upon completion of this requirement, the board will transmit a list of all the nominees selected to the Secretary of State and will also release the list to the news media.

A notification of nomination from the Secretary of State will be sent to each candidate by certified mail, with return receipt requested, that he/she will appear as a candidate on the primary ballot of his/her party, provided that the candidate:

- a) Deposits with the Secretary of State the filing fee of \$1,000 and
- b) Returns to the Secretary of State the completed notice of candidacy form.

NOTE: Filing fee and completed notice of candidacy must be received not later than the last Tuesday in January (January 29 at 4:00 p.m.) preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

If additional information is required, you may contact the Secretary of State's office at 502/564-3490.



TREY GRAYSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELECTION DIVISION
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FRANKFORT, KY 40601-3493
(502) 564-3490
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WEBSITE: www.sos.ky.gov

January 8, 2008

Title
Address 1
Address 2
Address 3

Re: Notification of Nomination
KY Presidential Preference Primary - KRS 118.551 - 118.611

Salutation:

The Kentucky State Board of Elections has nominated you as a presidential candidate for the Democratic Party, and your name will appear upon Kentucky's Presidential Preference Primary ballot on May 20, 2008, provided the following requirements are met:

- 1) Execute and return the attached Notice of Candidacy to the Kentucky Secretary of State

and
- 2) Deposit with the Kentucky Secretary of State the fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
Check should be made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer.

The one thousand dollar (\$1,000) filing fee and the executed Notice of Candidacy must be received by the Kentucky Secretary of State no later than 4:00 P.M. EST, January 29, 2008.

Should you require additional information or have questions, you may contact me or our Election Administrator, Mary Sue Helm, at 502/564-3490.

Sincerely,

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State



NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

I hereby notify the Kentucky Secretary of State that I have received the notification of nomination for the Kentucky Presidential Preference Primary, and request my name to appear as a _____ candidate upon my party's primary ballot on May 20, 2008.

(Party)

Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Please print or type name as desired on ballot)

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____

ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE _____

(Residential Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

DATE _____

NOTE: Notice of candidacy and required filing fee of \$1000 must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., EST., January 29, 2008. Return documents to:

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State
Room 148 - The Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601-3493

(2) Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (1-4) ballot access is attained by:

The filing of a **Presidential Preference Primary Petition (form # SBE 65)** containing at least 5,000 signatures of registered voters of the same party and \$1000 filing fee with the Secretary of State not later than 4:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

The petition shall be signed by the candidate and by the Chairman of the group circulating the petition. The chairman's signature must be acknowledged by a notary public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.

Petitioners shall be registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth, members of the same party as the candidate and shall include date petition was signed, social security number or date of birth, signature of petitioner and residence address.

A sample form of **Nominating petition SBE 65 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following pages.





NOMINATING PETITION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for President under the provisions of KRS 118.591)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth and are affiliated, by registration, with the same political party as the candidate for whom petitions are filed, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the Presidential Preference Primary election to be held on May _____, 20_____, the name of the following person as a candidate of the _____ Party for the office hereinafter designated, the name of said person and address being as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

I, _____ hereby
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)
declare that if elected I will qualify for the above office.

(Signature of Candidate)

I, _____, whose address is _____
(Name of Chairman – Please Type or Print) (Address)
_____, hereby certify that I am
(City, State, Zip)

Chairman of the group circulating this petition.

(Signature of Chairman)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Chairman)

this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer)

(Title of Officer)

(Commission Expiration)

We, the undersigned petitioners, further state that at the time of signing this petition we are registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and are affiliated, by such registration, with the same political party as the above candidate. Failure of a voter to include his social security number (or date of birth) and residential address shall result in his signature not being counted.

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(Additional pages may be used.)

SBE 65-2 (04/05)



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Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate

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- (3) Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (5) ballot access is attained by:

Filing with the Secretary of State a **Notice of Candidacy**, \$1000 filing fee and **certification** by the Federal Election Commission that the candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds. All documents shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate.

- (4) Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (5) ballot access is attained by:

Filing with the Secretary of State a **Notice of Candidacy**, \$1000 filing fee and evidence from **twenty (20)** other states that the candidate is qualified to appear on their presidential preference ballot of his/her political party. Documents shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate. Sufficient documentation from the twenty (20) other states is deemed to be a signed certification by the Chief Election Official, or the appropriate governing election authority of the state.

A Sample form of the **Notice of Candidacy** sent by the Secretary of State to candidates attaining primary ballot access under the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) listed above may be viewed on the following pages



TREY GRAYSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELECTION DIVISION
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700 CAPITAL AVENUE
FRANKFORT, KY 40601-3493
(502) 564-3490
FAX (502) 564-2476
WEBSITE: www.sos.ky.gov

Document #3

**Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primary
Candidate Ballot Access Pursuant to KRS 118.591(5)**

- 1: Completion of Notice of Candidacy. Must have original signature of candidate.
- 2: Certification by the Federal Election Commission that candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds

or

Evidence that the candidate's name is qualified to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot of his political party in at least twenty (20) other states.

Note: Sufficient documentation is deemed to be a signed certification by the Chief State Election Official, or the appropriate governing election authority of the state, of at least twenty (20) states that the candidate's name will appear on their state's presidential primary ballot in 2008.

- 3: Filing deadline: January 29, 2008 — 4:00 p.m.
- 4: Filing fee: \$1,000 (Check made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer)

Required filing documents may be filed in person or by mail and must be received no later than the deadline filing date, 4:00 p.m., local time in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

If additional information is required, you may contact the Secretary of State's office at 502/564-3490.



NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

I hereby notify the Kentucky Secretary of State that I have qualified for
Kentucky's Presidential Preference Primary, and request my name to appear as a
_____ candidate upon my party's primary ballot on May 20, 2008
(Party)

Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Please print or type name as desired on ballot)

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____

ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE _____

(Residential Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

DATE _____

NOTE: Notice of candidacy, filing fee of \$1000 and Federal Election Commission certification or evidence of candidate appearing on ballot in twenty (20) other states must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., EST., January 29, 2008. Return documents to:

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State
Room 148 - The Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601-3493



PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION FILINGS FOR REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were vote for.”

A **certificate of nomination** for electors of President and Vice President of the United States shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than the **first Tuesday in September** preceding the date fixed by law for the election of electors.

The **certificate of nomination** shall be in writing, shall contain the name of each person nominated, his residence and the office to which he is nominated, and shall designate a title for the party. The Certificate shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention, who shall add to their signatures their respective places of residence, and acknowledge the same before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths. In the case of electors of President and Vice President of the United States the certificate of nomination shall state the names of the candidates of the party for President and Vice President.

The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.



PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION FILINGS FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES and CANDIDATES OF POLITICAL GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

Political Organization Definition: “Political group” means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.025 (8).

Political Group Definition: “Political group means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization, within the meaning of subsection (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015 (9)

Independent candidates or candidates of a political group/organization seeking the offices of President/Vice President attain ballot access by filing with the Secretary of State a **Nominating Petition (SBE 64)**.

The nominating petition shall be signed by the candidate for President and the candidate for Vice President and by a minimum of **5,000** registered voters from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination. Petitioners shall be registered voters and shall include the date the petition was signed, social security number or birth date, and residence address. Signatures shall not be solicited prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

As provided on the nominating petition, petitioners will further place in nomination a list of presidential electors providing the name, residential address and signature of each presidential elector.



The nominating petition and \$500 filing fee shall be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 4:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in September preceding the date fixed by law for election of electors. The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

A sample form of the **Nominating Petition SBE 64 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following page.



NOMINATING PETITION

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations filing for President/Vice President under the provisions of KRS 118.315)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the general election to be held on November _____, 20_____, the names of the following candidates of the political group/organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate for the offices hereinafter designated, the names of said persons and their respective residences being as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate for President – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate for Vice President– Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

We, _____ and
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)

_____ hereby declare that we
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)
possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the offices for which we have filed.

(Signature of Candidate for President)

(Signature of Candidate for Vice President)

Petitioners desire that the above candidates be designated on the ballot under the following attached figure or device:

Petitioners further place in nomination the following named persons as candidates for Presidential Electors for the above-named candidates for President and Vice President, whose names and residential addresses are as follows:

DATE	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

Petitioners shall include residential address and social security number (or date of birth). Failure of a voter to include his social security number or date of birth and residential address shall result in his signature not being counted.

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(Additional pages may be used.)

SBE 64-2 (04/05)

White copy: Filing officer
Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate

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WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT/VICE – PRESIDENT

Filing Form #SBE/SOS/02 – Presidential/Vice Presidential Candidates’ Intent to be a Write-in Candidate

Candidates may seek the Office of President/Vice President as write-in candidates by filing with the Secretary of State a **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate**.

A person shall be ineligible as a write-in candidate for more than one (1) office in a general election. Write-in votes shall be counted **ONLY** for candidates for election to office who have filed with the Secretary of State a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

The declaration of intent must be filed **not** less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the general election. The filing fee for filing as write-in candidates for President and Vice President is \$50.00. As provided on declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate filing form, the names of the pledged presidential electors must be listed. The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

A sample of the **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate SBE/SOS/2 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following pages.



PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To _____, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

KRS 117.265(2): Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates for election to office who have filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Secretary of State or county clerk, depending on the office being sought, not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular or special election. The declaration of intent shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

- (4): Persons who wish to run for President and Vice-President shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, along with a list of presidential electors pledged to those candidates, with the Secretary of State not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular election for those offices. Write-in votes cast for the candidates whose names appear on the ballot shall apply to the slate of pledged presidential electors, whose names shall not appear on the ballot.

I, _____ reside at
(Name of Candidate for President – Please Type or Print)

(Residential Address)

(City, State, and Zip)

and I intend to be a write-in candidate in the _____, 20 ____
(Month & Day)

regular election for the office of President of the United States.

(Signature of Candidate for President)

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate for Vice President – Please Type or Print)

(Residential Address)

(City, State, and Zip)

(Signature of Candidate for Vice President)

We do further state that if elected we qualify for the office and will possess the constitutional and/or statutory qualifications of the Commonwealth of Kentucky requisite to the office for which we have declared hereby.

Eight (8) pledged presidential electors must be listed below:
(Please type or print the name of elector)

1. _____

5. _____

2. _____

6. _____

3. _____

7. _____

4. _____

8. _____



CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL

Pursuant to KRS 118.212 (1-5) candidates may withdraw at anytime by filing a written, signed and properly notarized statement that the nomination or election would not be accepted. The statement of withdrawal must be filed with the same filing official, Secretary of State or County Clerk, that received the candidate filing documents.

The notice of withdrawal **must** be filed prior to the time of the certification of candidates for the name **not** to appear on the ballot. If the withdrawal notice is filed after the deadline of the certification of candidates, the candidate's name will appear on the ballot but a notice will be conspicuously displayed in each polling place advising the voters of the withdrawal and any votes cast for the withdrawn candidate will **not** be tabulated or recorded.

Certification of candidates for primary election is not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the primary.

Example for the 2006 Primary:
February 13, 2006

Certification of candidates for a general election in non Presidential election years is not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the general election. In Presidential election years, the candidate certification deadline is not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September.

Example for the 2006 General:
August 21, 2006

There is **no** fee for filing a statement of withdrawal and there is no authority for the return of the candidate filing fee. A sample withdrawal statement may be viewed on the following page.



NOTICE OF CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL

I, _____ the _____
Candidate for _____, hereby state
that I will not accept the nomination or election and request the
_____ to withdraw my name as a candidate.

Dated _____ day of _____, _____
(Month) (Year)

(Signature of Candidate)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me _____

This _____ day of _____, _____.
(Month) (Year)

(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: _____

(Revised 4/05)



NOMINATIONS BY POLITICAL PARTIES

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

Vacancy in Candidacy governed by KRS 118.105:

- (3) If a vacancy occurs in the nomination of an unopposed candidate or in a nomination made by the primary before the certification of candidates for the regular election made under KRS 118.215, because of death, disqualification to hold office sought, or severe disabling condition which arose after the nomination, the governing authority of the party may provide for filling the vacancy, but only following certification to the governing authority, by the Secretary of State, that a vacancy exists for a reason specified in this subsection. When such a nomination has been made, the certificate of nomination, shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the governing authority of the party making it, and shall be filed in the same manner as certificates of nomination at a primary election.
- (4) If a vacancy occurs in the nomination of an unopposed candidate or in a nomination made by the primary before the certification of candidates for the regular election, and if that party’s nominee was the only candidate for the office sought, the governing authority of each party may nominate a candidate for the regular election, provided that no person has sought that party’s nomination by filing a notification and declaration.



VACANCY IN OFFICE/NOMINATIONS FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS

Governed by KRS 118.115

Except as provided in subsection (2)(b) or KRS 83A.045 governing vacancy in candidacy, candidates for unexpired terms to be filled at a regular election shall be nominated at the primary next preceding the regular election, if the vacancy occurred not less than one hundred thirty-four (134) days before the primary. If the vacancy occurred less than one hundred thirty-four (134) days before the primary, the nomination shall be made in a manner determined by **the governing authority of the political party** concerned. In the preparation of ballots, candidates for full terms shall be grouped together, and candidates for unexpired terms shall be grouped together, under appropriate headings, so that the voter may easily distinguish the candidates for full terms from the candidates for unexpired terms.

A **vacancy in office** for Governor, Congressional representative and member of the General Assembly are filled by calling of a **special election**. KRS 118.710 thru KRS 118.775 governs the procedures and deadline for the party nominations and petitions when there has been a call for a special election to fill a vacancy for one of the above offices.

A sample **certificate of nomination** used by the governing authority of a party to nominate a candidate when a vacancy in candidacy exist or to nominate a candidate for an unexpired term when the vacancy occurs with less than one hundred thirty-four (134) days before the primary may be viewed on the following page. Also, a copy of 30 KAR 2:010 relating to vacancy in candidacy may be viewed on the following page.





CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

To:

We, the undersigned, certify that we are the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the _____ Party for

The undersigned further certify that said Executive Committee met in _____, Kentucky on the _____ day of _____
(Month)

_____ for the purpose of nominating a candidate of the _____
(Year)

Party to run in the _____ election _____, _____
(Month & Day) (Year)

for the office of _____.

We certify that a quorum was present at said meeting and that by majority vote of the members of said committee _____ who possesses the qualifications for said office, was duly nominated as the _____ Party's candidate for _____ in the election to be held _____, and request that you place the name on the ballot as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

{Name of candidate in full as desired on the ballot}

{Residential Address}

{Signature of Chairman}

{Signature of Secretary}

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____
(Month) (Year)

{Notary Public}

{Commission Expiration Date}

(Revised 4/05)

30 KAR 2:010. Certification of vacancy in nominations.

RELATES TO: KRS 118.105

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 118.105

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: Senate Bill 223, enacted during the 1990 Regular Session of the General Assembly, amended KRS 118.105(1), (3) and (4), governing certification by the Secretary of State that a vacancy exists in a nomination governed by KRS 118.105. This administrative regulation is required to establish the procedure for the determination and certification of a vacancy under the provisions of KRS 118.105.

Section 1. Notification of Vacancy. (1) The Secretary of State shall be notified of the vacancy in a nomination governed by KRS 118.105.

(2) The notification shall:

- (a) Be written;
- (b) Be dated;
- (c) State the reason for the vacancy;
- (d) Contain documentation to substantiate the reason for the vacancy;
- (e) Be signed by the person making the notification; and
- (f) Be notarized.

(3) The notification may be made by:

- (a) The candidate;
- (b) The governing authority of a party;
- (c) A registered voter; or
- (d) An opposing candidate.

(4) The notification shall be delivered to the Secretary of State by:

- (a) Certified mail; or
- (b) The person making the notification.



Section 2. Documentation to Substantiate Reason for Vacancy. (1) Documentation to substantiate the reason for a vacancy shall be filed with the notification by the candidate or governing authority of the party as provided by this section. For:

- (a) Death of a candidate: a certificate of death or other evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State;
- (b) Disqualification to hold the office sought: evidence of legal disqualification; and
- (c) Severe disabling condition: medical evidence of the condition.

(2) Medical evidence of a severe disabling condition shall consist of medical evidence provided by:

(a) A licensed and practicing:

- 1. Physician;
- 2. Osteopath;
- 3. Psychologist;
- 4. Psychiatrist; or

(b) Other medical professional qualified to make a determination that the candidate is suffering from a severe disabling condition.

(3) The documentation filed to substantiate the reason for vacancy may be challenged, in writing, by:

- (a) The governing authority of an opposing party;
- (b) An opposing candidate; or
- (c) A registered voter.

(4)(a) The Secretary of State shall review all documentation relating to the reason for a vacancy.

(b) If he determines that additional documentation is required, he shall request a review:

- 1. Of the medical evidence of a severe disabling condition filed with the notification;
- 2. By a medical professional specified in subsection (2) of this section.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall not certify that a vacancy exists if he determines that the documentation filed to substantiate the reason for the vacancy does not establish that a vacancy exists because of:

- (1) Death;
- (2) Disqualification to hold the office sought; or
- (3) A severe disabling condition which arose after the nomination. (17 Ky.R. 155; eff. 9-13-90.)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Which filing forms do I use to file as a Republican or Democratic candidate for office?

SBE 66 (4/05) – Notification and Declaration (Page 24A)
(Excludes President and Governor/Lt. Governor)

KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and
Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (Page 24B)
(Excludes Federal Candidates)

2. If I am filing for office as a Republican or Democratic candidate, what is my filing deadline?

Last Tuesday in January (4:00pm) preceding the day fixed
by law for holding the primary election.

Example for 2006: January 31, 2006

3. If I am filing for office as a Republican or Democratic candidate, when may I file to be a candidate?

No earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in
November of the year preceding the year in which the office will
appear on the ballot.

Example for 2006: November 9, 2005

4. Must a candidate be a registered member of a specific party to be eligible as a candidate of that same party?

Yes. Candidates must be eligible to vote in that party's primary to be eligible to have their name printed on the ballot as a candidate of that party.

5: What is the deadline date to change party affiliation to be a candidate of a specific party?

December 31st is the last date for an individual to change party affiliation with the county clerk to be eligible as a candidate of that specific party.

6. Who do I file my papers with to be a candidate?

The Secretary of State if the office sought is voted for by:
the electors of more than one (1) county,
Example: Commonwealth's Attorneys; members of Congress;
members of the General Assembly; and all Judges of the Court.

The County Clerk if the office sought is voted for by:
the county; or a district less than a county.

(candidates voted for by a city whose boundaries extend beyond a single county file with the county clerk in county in which candidates resides.)

7. How much is the candidate filing fee?

For statewide elected office or congress	\$500
For Commonwealth's Attorney	\$200
For General Assembly	\$200
For office in city of 5th & 6th class	\$20
For all other partisan offices (excluding President & Governor/Lt. Governor)	\$50

8. What form of payment is acceptable for the filing fee?

The Secretary of State accepts personal checks, campaign account checks, cash or money order. Candidates who file with the County Clerk should contact the county clerk in their county of residence for acceptable forms of filing fee payment.

9. What are the most common errors made by party candidates when filing the notification and declaration:

Title of office and District Number if applicable omitted or improperly stated.

Name in full as desired on ballot not conforming to statute requirements (Review KRS 118.129)

Failure to sign and/or improper notarization of the candidates signature.

Failure of the candidate to verify the voter registration and party affiliation of the two affiants signing the filing documents. They must be registered voters and members of the same party as the candidate and reside in the district or jurisdiction the candidate is seeking office to.

Failure to sign and/or improper notarization of the two affiants signatures.

Failure to submit the required filing fee.

Failure to submit the declaration by the deadline filing date.

10. Which filing forms do I use to file as an Independent or Political Group/Organization candidate?

SBE 59A – Statement of Candidacy (Page 26A)
(Excludes federal offices)

SBE 59 & 59-2 – Nominating Petition (Pages 26B, 26C)
(Excludes President and Governor/Lt. Governor)

SBE 60A (Page 30A)
(Certain independents filing for city office in a
2nd to 6th class city)

KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and
Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (Page 26D)
(Excludes Federal Candidates)

11. If I am filing as an Independent or Political Group/Organization candidate, what is my filing deadline?

Statement of Candidacy must be filed not later than (4:00pm) April 1st preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the office sought. (If the office in which the statement-of-candidacy form is to be filed is closed on April 1, the form may be filed on the next business day.)

Example for 2006: April 3, 2006

Nominating Petition must be filed not later than (4:00pm) on the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general elections.

Example for 2006: August 8, 2006

12. Must a candidate be registered as independent or other to have their name printed on the ballot as independent or as a political group/organization?

Yes. If you are seeking ballot access as an independent or as a political group/organization, you must be registered as independent or of a political group/organization. (Not applicable to certain independents filing for 2nd to 6th class city offices)

13. What is the deadline date to register as an independent candidate or a candidate of a political group/organization and have their name printed on the ballot as independent or as a political group/organization?

December 31st is the last date for an individual to change their voter registration with the county clerk to be eligible as an independent candidate or as a candidate of a political group/organization.

14. When can signatures be solicited?

Signatures for a petition of nomination shall not be solicited prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

Example for 2006: November 9, 2006

15. What are the qualifications of the petitioners?

They must be registered voters and reside in the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination.

16. Can a petitioner sign more than one petition?

No. If any person joins in nominating, by petition, more than one (1) nominee for any office to be filled, he shall be counted as a petitioner for the candidate whose petition is filed first except a petitioner for the nomination of candidates for soil and water conservation district supervisors may be counted for every petition to which his signature is affixed.

17. How many signatures must I have?

Signature requirements are set forth in KRS 118.315 (2) and vary according to office:

State officer or any officer for whom all the electors of the state are entitled to vote:	5,000
Representative in Congress:	400
County office, member of the General Assembly, or Commonwealth's Attorney:	100
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor:	25
City Officer:	2
Board of Education:	20
Magistrate/Justice of the Peace	20

18: What are the most common errors made by candidates seeking ballot access by petition?

Failure to file the Statement of Candidacy form, a prerequisite to filing a nominating petition. (Excludes federal offices)

Failure to obtain the required number of signatures of registered voters on the petition.

Failure to submit the petition and the filing fee by the deadline filing date.

19. Which filing forms do I use to file for the nonpartisan offices of School Board, Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor, and Nonpartisan city offices?

SBE 60A & 60A-2– Nominating Petition (Pages 30A, 30B)

KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (Page 30C)

Affidavit For School Board Candidacy and Membership (School Board Candidates only) (Page 31)

20. Which filing forms do I use to file for the Court of Justice?

SBE 68 – Court of Justice Petition for Nomination (Page 32A)

KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (Page 32B)

21. Must a candidate be registered as a specific party affiliation to file for a Court of Justice office?

No. The candidate must be a registered voter. All judicial offices are nonpartisan and no party designation or emblem of any kind, nor any sign indicating any candidates political belief or party affiliation shall be used on voting machines or special ballots.

22. What are the most common errors made by candidates filing for the Court of Justice?

Title of office and district number if applicable omitted or improperly stated.

Name in full as desired on the ballot not conforming to statute requirements. (Review KRS 118A.060 (3))

Improper notarization of candidate's signature.

Improper notarization of affiants signature.

Failure of the candidate to verify the voter registration of the two affiants signing the filing documents. They must be qualified voters and reside in the judicial district/circuit the candidate is seeking office to.

Failure to submit the required filing fee and/or the petition by the deadline filing date.

23. What is the deadline for withdrawing as a candidate?

Candidates may withdraw at anytime. However, if you wish your name not to appear on the ballot you must withdraw prior to the certification of candidates. Certification for a primary election is not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the primary and not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the general election.

Example for the 2006 Primary: February 13, 2006

Example for the 2006 General: August 21, 2006

24. Where do I file the withdrawal notice?

You must file the notice of withdrawal with the same filing official, Secretary of State or County clerk, that received the candidate's filing documents.

25. Will my filing fee be returned if I withdraw?

No. There is no statutory authority for returning a filing fee.





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Secretary of State 2004/2005 Slogan Contest

Vote today, Make a difference tomorrow.

First Place

**Derrick Blacketer
Harrodsburg HS**

One small vote equals one BIG difference.

Second Place

**Rebecca L. Jacobs
Ohio County HS**

Voting; An All-American Tradition.

Third Place

**Ramsey Carpenter
Ohio County HS**